

Dearest Mother + All

January 3, 1940

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need the rest when I return.

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it in mail box as it is mailed as soon as we
dock. We will ~~write~~ write again soon. Until
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you lots.

Your
always
Brook

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Love Always,

Brock

Air mail



VIA AIR MAIL

*Mrs. J. R. Thomhill
Tylertown,
Mississippi*



our address
Mr James R. Thornhill
Fort Mc Powell
Angu Island, Colib.

most of the boys are broke
but we still have \$7.00 to the
food and have \$12.00 still coming
from last month's pay, not bad
we are going to leave
each day before long
Fort Mc Powell
Honolulu
Colib.

well how is every body to day I hope
you all feel as good as I do. we got to the
harbor yesterday and got on a rather good boat and
went to Angu Island where we will stay
about 10 or 15 days. It is a pretty place and
they feed good too, we hadn't had much to eat
on boat. The trip was wonderful, it was
like a dream, but I still intend to see more
before we get to Hawaii, and on the way
back we will come through state from S.F.
won't that be fine. you know I said I would
some rough water to see how I would feel
sea sick. well we got the rough water but I
didn't get sick but I come so near to it I changed
my mind, I don't want to get sea sick. A.C. got
sick and like to have lost his stomach it was
was him watching them hang over the rails.
we have been close to coast line for a long ways
and see nothing but ~~the~~ mountains, and

~~with~~
they run are pretty. went through
the golden gate San Francisco boy yesterday.
San Francisco is nothing but a mountain it all
but it is pretty. we are going to get a pass and look
over every thing before we leave.

well did the car get home alright. I hope so. I
dreamed the ~~the~~ other night that he hadn't gotten
there yet, and again it was torn up. I hope we
get a letter to Jay and I will feel better. I wish
we could have gotten the car home now but
couldn't make it. I hope you all had a big time which
I am sure you did. How is our baby coming &
how she is getting pretty every day. Don't
forget to tell her about her Uncle. How is
Betty Jean and Jaddy coming. I am still looking
for a letter from them, tell Betty Jean to be
careful about her suzerin.

we have decided for you to put our clothes in
and take good care of them for we will need them
when we get back, because we are going to see some
of the state before we get back and will come home
happy. we will sail for Hawaii between the
20 and 30 of this. write us a long letter will?
remember I love you all Bob

Fort McDowell
Angel Island, California
Jan 6, 1940

We got our laundry ready to send off this morning and it came to \$6.00 so we are going to have work day before long. Most of the boys are broke but we still have \$17.00 to the good and have \$12.00 still coming from last months pay not [unreadable]

Well how is everybody today. I hope you all feel as good as I do. We got to the harbor yesterday and got on another boat and went to Angel Island where we will stay about 10 or 15 days. It is a pretty place and they feed good too. We hadn't had much to eat on boat. The trip was wonderful, it was like a dream, but I still intend to see more before we get to Hawaii, and on the way back we will come through states from S.F. Won't that be fine. You know I said I wanted some rough water to see how I would feel sea sick. Well we got the rough water but I didn't get sick but I came as near to it I changed my mind. I don't want to get sea sick. A.C got sick and like to have lost his stomach it was fun watching them hang over the rails. We have been close to coast for a large ways and see nothing but mountains and they sure are pretty. We went through the Golden Gate at San Francisco bay yesterday. San Francisco is nothing but a mountain itself but it is pretty. We are going to get a pass and look over everything before we leave.

Well did the car get home alright. I hope so. I dreamed the other night that he hadn't gotten there yet and again it was torn up. I hope we get a letter today and I will feel better. I wish we could have gotten the car home Xmas but couldn't make it. I hope you all had a big time which I am sure you did. How is Ava's baby coming. I know she is getting prettier every day. Don't forget to tell her about her uncles. How is Betty Jean and daddy coming. I am still looking for a letter from them. Tell Betty Jean to be careful about her [unreadable].

We have decided for you to put our clothes away and take good care of them for we will need them when we get back, because we are going to see some of the states before we get back and will come home broke. We will sail for Hawaii between the 20th and 30th I think. Write us a long letter.

Remember I love you all, Bob

Fort Mc Don
Angel Island,
Jan. 8, 1940

Dear Mother & All,

I have been expecting a letter from home, but haven't
one yet. I got one from Grace the day I got here. Ray received
Did you send to wrong address. Aunt Mabel wrote Ray
you carrying his clothes home. That relieved us of a
have been wondering whether the car got there or not.
you made it all right with the company? I would like to
how everything is. I've heard several times that it's again
the law to do such. Here is hoping that you can keep the
We will be here until the 20th so let us know what
We feel much better now that we are on land again.

We are located in a good place. San Francisco Bay on one side
Angel Mountain on the other. You can see over from
from the mountain. "The Golden Gate", "Alcatraz", "Ward
Island" and other places of interest.

We were going up on the mountain today, but it
been raining all day. We will go up next week
it will be lots of fun ^{and} exercise. We went part of the way yesterday
we got what we needed plenty of fresh air and exercise.

I made out a laundry ship yesterday. It came to six dollars
We decided to wash them ourselves. We left them on the
last night. When out this morning to find them scattered all
the East. Bob & Ray are reaching them out now. If the
bugs up there is no telling when they will get dry. Sun shine
rain. You can't tell which one comes next. I expect this
be our last time to put out a washing as large as this.

I expect a letter before you get this one so want
any more about it. Do write us if you haven't.

I think we will go Wednesday. I hope
see the place before we leave for Hawaii. I
done a thing since we left the boat. I didn't
in but 48 hrs. on the boat. Therefore I've
Nothing since I left home a month ago.
expect we will catch some kind of duty
week. More than likely we will work in
Fort Mc Dowell in a discharge and I'll come

They stay here waiting for a boat. They come
every day and leave every day.

Now is everything in Lyttelton? Do you need a
rain coat or an overcoat? It's not cold here but
Unsettled, Rain, Sun shining and wind.

Tell every one how are you all today. I
all just fine. we just brought my clothes
in the house so they would dry. we
had a drought here with our clothes
think we will make it.

I weighed Sat and I hit you can't give
how much I weighed. It was 192 lb. we
weighed Brock on 170 Nov 180.
Close. I am expecting a letter
from R. H. H. H. H.
Fort Mc Dowell

Fort McDowell
Angel Island, California
Jan. 8, 1940

Dear Mother and all,

I have been expecting a letter from home, but haven't received one yet. I got one from Grace the day I got here. Ray received three. Did you send to wrong address. Aunt Mabel wrote Ray about you carrying his clothes home. That relieved us a lot. Have you made it all right with the company? I would like to know how everything is. I've heard several times that it is against the law to do such. Here is hoping that you can keep the car. We will be here until the 20th so let us know what to expect.

We feel much better now that we are on land again. We are located in a good place. San Francisco Bay on one side and Angel Mountain on the other. You can see over Francisco from the mountain "The Golden Gate", "Alcatraz", "World's Fair Ground" and other places of interest.

We were going up on the mountain today, but it has been raining all day. We will go up next week maybe it will be lots of fun I'm sure. We went part of the way yesterday. We got what we needed plenty of fresh air and exercise.

I made out a laundry slip yesterday. It came to six dollars (\$6). We've decided to wash them ourselves. We left them on the line last night. Went out this morning to find them scattered all over the post. Bob and Ray are washing them out now. If the weather keeps up there is no telling when they will get dry. "Sun Shine and rain. You can't tell which one comes next. I expect this will be our last time to put out a washing as large as this one.

I expect a letter before you get this one so won't say any more about it. Do write us if you haven't.

We are on Angel Island just across the bay. We can get passes on Wednesdays and Saturdays to go to San Francisco. We didn't go over yesterday. I think we will go Wednesday. I hope to see the place before we leave for Hawaii. We haven't done a thing since we left the boat. I didn't put in but 48 hours on the boat. Therefore I've done nothing since I left home a month ago. I expect we will catch some kind of duty next week. More than likely we will work in kitchen.

Fort McDowell is a discharge and placement depot. They stay here waiting for a boat. They come in every day and leave every day.

The next part of the letter is written by Bob

Hello everyone how are you all today. We are all just fine. We just brought my clothes in the house so they would dry. We sure had a [damage] time with our clothes but I think we will make it.

I weighed Sat and I bet you can't guess how much I weighed 170 Ray 180.
Well Brock has told you all the news so will close. I am expecting a letter.

Mr James R Thornhill

Fort McDowell

Angel Island

Love Brock and Bob

San Francisco, Calif

Mr. R. Thombill
Wickham, Fild
17th Air Base
Kororua ~~to~~ J. H.



Mrs J. R. Thombill
Tylertown
Mississippi
U. S. A.

Monday Night

Dearest Mother,

Now is every thing in Mississippi?
Hawaii is in the best of health. Sun shine
just as hot as can be. Its mighty easy to
blister. Hawaii is know as the land of rainbows. I
see them everyday although it doesn't rain.

Your sons are making news. We are to
have our pictures taken to morrow. I don't know
exactly what they are going to do with them.
I heard they are going to be put in our home
papers and the Army and Navy Review. We
were asked a lot of questions last week. Parents
name, when enlisted, when arrived here, Athletics,
and education where & how much. I will give
details later.

Do you still plan to send up the Lighttown
Times? It will be great help to us. We take
the "Honolulu Advertiser". I like it lots.

I will have letter from you before you
receive this. I know it will contain all
news so I want ask you for it. I do
wonder how things are around the old hill.
The boat leaves with mail Friday. I don't know
if there is one leaving before then or not. It will
take from two to three weeks for this to arrive.
I will let Bob finish this. Good Bye & Good Luck
Lots of love to all. Bob.

Koroloh/Kauai

Kello every one.

Saw that Brock gets the same idea
of stop running every time, but I haven't
something.

We started drilling this morning, it's not
going to be bad, I kinda like it. We have a good
sargent to drill under. He told us some good
news this morning, it really made me feel
better. He said that if we were good sailors
in the recruit camp and didn't mess up
that we would get a chance at going to school
all over us, and if that's so which I am sure
it is I'll be in school for some really working
for it. I was afraid it would be like it was at
Maxwell Field. They put you where they want
you. like K.P. M.R. and there's kind of things.
Don't mess anything. They didn't have any school
there and here they have all kinds of schools.
The sargent also said that if we wanted to
be a cadet to be the officers when we finish
the recruit drill and we would have a chance
at that. Brock said he was going to try
it I think I am going to try air mechanics
First if I make it. I am going to have to
fly later. want mechanics can fly a plane

anyway. I am afraid I can't pass the exams
and might miss the a.m. for am going to
top it easy and I might change my mind
I am going to look into it first though.
There were two mechanics riding around for
morning and cracked. They were both from
this field, and but pretty bad, both in fact.
Kodak found out what caused it yet but
don't let that alarm you "Boy" if I could be a pilot
I would be satisfied. I really would like it.

All be glad when we get a letter, it seems like
months since we got one. I hope it will be
long and many. I have been writing plenty
in last week. Good mother, B. and F. and Bill, and
Bob, and Mary, and Ben, and you. I
think I am getting better. How about it?
Have you got the pictures yet. I hope they are
good. I had some developed and heard they
were good. I had a lot of Panama Canal.

Will have a new baby coming. Well but she
as hot as a pig tag in the pants yet. I am expecting
it. Has she been sick yet, from all accounts she is
feeling good. Can't be, better nurse than I expect.
Has it much to have baby. It is gaining much.
I wonder how much Bud can eat in his
elections I hope he won.

We have a radio in our room and we get some
real pretty music, Romanon music.

well daddy and Betty I am how are you all
having these days. for it warmed up much yet
we have good old warm sunshin. It gets kinder hot
about 12:00 o'clock but every evening and morning,
night it is fine, lay around in shorts and shirt
under a sheet. It is fine

Lay out a shirt, shorts and trousers. You were
your own shirt clothes, they have some real
putty ones here, I'll have to send you a suit
and daddy I don't know what I would send you
we have some good shirts but I don't know
whether you would like them or not. I think
I'll send you one with a gold collar with
good cuffs and one with a gold cuff
shirt.

well that's about all for today. It will
probably take a month to get it back. I got
one from Groceries yesterday that was mailed
Dec 27th. I hope it won't take them all that
long, but it had been almost everywhere.

will be looking for a letter from you two
a personal letter you know one like I had
to write you all

With much love Remember I Love you all
Bob

2-6-1940

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Hello everyone

Seems that Brock gets the news before I start writing every time, but I'll write something.

We started drilling this morning. It's not going to be bad, I kinda like it. We have a good Sargent to drill under. He told us some good news this morning, it really made me feel better. H said that if we were good soldiers in the recruit camp and didn't mess up that we would get a chance at going to school all of us, and if that's so which I am sure it is I'll be in school or I am really working for it. I was afraid it would be like it was at Maxwell Field. The put you where they wanted you. Like K.P., MR, and those kind of things don't mean anything. They didn't have any schools there and here they have all kink of schools. The sergeant also said that if we wanted to be a cadet to the officers when we finished the recruit drill and we could have a chance at that. Brock said he was going to try it. I think I am going to try air mechanic first if I make it. I am going to learn to fly later, most mechanics can fly a plane.

Anyway, I am afraid I can't pass the exams and might miss this AM for I am going to take it easy and I might change my mind. I am going to look into it first though. There were two mechanics riding around Sun. morning and crashed. They were both from this field and hurt pretty bad, both in hospital. [unreadable] found out what caused it yet. But don't let that alarm you. Boy if I could be a pilot I would be satisfied. I really would like it.

I'll be glad when we get a letter, it seems like months since we got one. I know it well be long and newsy. I have been writing plenty in last week. Grandmothers, Boyd Thornhill, Aunt Babe, and Mae, Ava, Herbert, Fred and you. I think I am getting better. How about it.

Have you got the pictures yet. I hope they are good. J.C. had some developed over here and they were good. I had a lot of Panama Canal.

Well how is our baby coming. I'll bet she's as fat as a pig. Say, is she spoiled yet. I am expecting it. Has she been sick yet. From all accounts Ava is taking good care of her. Betty nurse than I expected. How is Uncle Hobson's baby. It is gaining much.

I wonder how Uncle Bud come out in his election. I hope he won.

We have a radio in our room and we get some real pretty music, Hawaiian native.

Will daddy and Betty Jean know you are farming these days. Has it warmed up much yet. We have good old warm sunshine. It gets kinda hot about 12 o'clock but every evening and morning, night it is fine. Lay around in shorts and sleep under a sheet. It is fine.

Say what size shorts and blouse do you wear and daddy. I don't know what I would send you. We have some loud shirts but I don't know whether you would like them or not. I think I'll send you one with hula gals with grass skirts all over them. I bet you would shine.

Well that's about all for today. It will probably take us a month to get it. Brock got a from Lroc yesterday that was mailed Dec. 27th. I hope it won't take them all that long but it had been almost everywhere.

Will be looking for a letter from you two a personal letter. You know one like I had to write you all.

Tell [unreadable] hello. Remember I love you all,

Bob

B. Shankill
17th Air Base
Wickham 7.
Honolulu, T. H.



BUY U. S. SAVINGS
BONDS
ASK YOUR POSTMASTER



Miss Betty Jean Shankill
c/o J. R. Shankill
Tylaburn, Mississippi
U. S. A.

Honolulu Hawaii
March 7. 1940

Kellys fix

Boy I got your letter this morning
and was in interesting it was mailed
the 5, of Jan. you remember that crack
you made about those bondsmen were
I am afraid you made a mistake or
were you thinking of your boy friend
you know you said Mr. McNaught
to the store after every class, that
just like him. He came back back
and found two boys playing and
they got something they were
looking for. Jimmy says Brock can
tell you something about that
for he got on him several times
you might have not heard about
it though.

So Santa Claus was good to you
eh, well I am glad for he didn't come

out over the ocean. I never will
forget that Xmas eve when between
Ponoma and San Francisco. you should
have enough puzzles to keep you
going for a while.

That dinner still sounds good. That
12th turkey and fresh meat. with
all that company I know you'll enjoy
it.

Have you promised to mother that
you can write a long ^{letter} yet if you have
I want you to prove it to me. I don't
believe you can.

you mention Milton having the
stone bird up wrong, has he got
all the eyes fixed up I don't remember
you saying. Does mother know it much?

you mentioned playing ball with
the Gilbert school, but didn't say
who won. but I can figure that out.
will be good double ugly save Bob

Thursday evening

Hello Dad:

So mother and Betty from do you
the same way Brock from me. They
write and leave me nothing, but
glad to hear from you even though
it is kinda late.

aged

Looks like you ~~booped~~ on the car
too soon, said you got 70 and believed
it would work good then everything
had to go wrong with it, but mother
says it is about ready to go again
I hope so anyway, next time you
get her in it, show her just how
fast it will go.

You said you all started clearing
the swamp, it is hard to believe but
after all that snow I don't know if you
got much done. It sound like you all
are planning on a big crop this year
want you to see that it something

made me it this year.

Too bad about you being sick. hope
you are up again.

well hope life I have told
cant think of another thing to write
small chap.

Be good and we love you both
your Son

Bob told me every thing while I was
playing basket ball. I want to say the
same for her. No need to rewrite it.
Just read his over.

We are still having fun. We got
16 letters this week. So day is only Thursday,
we may get more. Dad is real nice
about writing. I got 3 letters from her.
No news. So will close

Love
Bob.

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 7, 1940

Hello Sis

Hey I got your letter this morning and was it interesting. It was mailed the 5th of Jan. You remember that crack you make about those handsome men. I am afraid you made a mistake or were you thinking of your boyfriend.

You know you said Mr. McNair went to the store after every class. That's just like him. He came back and found two boys playing and they got something they weren't looking for. I imagine Brock can tell you something about that for he got on him several times. You might have not heard about it though.

So Santa Clause was good to you eh. Well I am glad for he didn't come out over the ocean. I never will forget that Xmas we were between Panama and San Francisco. You should have enough puzzles to keep you going for a while.

That dinner still sounds good. That 12lb turkey and fresh meat with all that company I know you all enjoyed it.

You mention Milton having the stove fixed up wrong. Has he got all the eyes fixed yet. I don't remember you saying. Does mother use it much?

You mentioned playing ball with the different school, but didn't say who won but I can figure that out. Will be good double ugly.

Love, Bob

Hello Dad,

So mother and Betty Jean do you the same way Brock does me. They write and leave me nothing but glad to hear from you even though it is kinda late.

Looks like you bragged on the car too soon, said you got 70 and believed it would make 80 and then everything had to go wrong with it, but mother says it is about ready to go again. I hope so anyway, next time you get her in it, show her first how fast it will go.

You said you all started cleaning the swamp. It is hard to believe but after all that snow I don't imagine you got much done. It sounds like you all are planning on a big crop this year. I want you to see that something is made on it this year.

Too bad about you being sick. Hope you are up again.

Well looks like I have stalled. I can't think of another thing to write so will close.

Be good and we love you lots

Your sons

Bob told [unreadable] while I was playing basketball. I want to say the same I want to say the same news. No need to rewrite it. Just read his over.

We are still having fun. We got 16 letters this week. Today is only Thursday, we may get more. Grace is real nice about writing. I got 3 letters from her. No News so will close.

Love

Brock

May 15, 1940
Whuber Field
18th Air Base Pgd
Honolulu T.H.

Dear Mother: & Awa & Family

We got your letter the first of week.
It sure did sound like you are enjoying
your rest, and am I proud that's just
what you need. How did you feel getting
up at nine o'clock and drinking coffee
in bed. I know you feel much better
by your letter.

I suppose you all are about up with
your sewing by now. You mentioned
making us some pajamas and bath
robes, it was nice of you to think of
that, but I don't care for any, Jack
might want some.

To bad about Cassie & Dick being sick
hope she is better by now. Roy got
a letter from home today and said
Mills was sick again and had
been in the hospital.

You kept mentioning writing all
and I have had not even got their address
and we didn't get a letter from them

either. send us their address, I wrote
Maud last week last week.

well I haven't got but about two
more weeks to go to school. I think
we get out about the third of June.
I will be glad when it's over.

I am going to try to get a physical
exam. for Randolph. Sat. or die I have
I am going to work to pass the money.
and it is going to take a lot of work
too.

well here is her and B. I am writing
I but they are having a time. I can't
wait to get some more pictures of her.
I know she is a cut-throat.

Sum. that I am stuck so will class
for this time

love to all
Bob.

May 15, 1940
Wheeler Field
18th Air Base Sqdn
Honolulu, T.H.

Dear Mother and Ava and Family,

We got your letter the first of week. It sure did sound like you are enjoying your rest and am I proud, that's just what you need. How did you feel getting up at nine o'clock and drinking coffee in bed. I know you feel much better by your letters.

I suppose you all are about up with your sewing by now. You mentioned making us some pajamas and bath robes. It was nice of you to think about it, but I don't care for any. Brock might want some.

To bad about cousin Ricky being sick. Hope she is better by now. Ray got a letter from home today and said Willie Mae was sick again and had been in the hospital.

You keep mentioning writing Alle and Jep. We hadn't even got their address and didn't get a letter from them either. Send us their address. I wrote Maude & Webb last week.

Well I haven't got but about two more weeks to go to school. I think we got out about the third of June. I will be glad when it's over. I am going to try to get a physical exam for Randolph Sat and if I pass I am going to work to pass the mental and it is going to take a lot of work too.

Well how is Sue and B.J. coming. I bet they are having a time. I can't wait to get some more pictures of her. I know she is a cutie.

Seems that I am stuck so will close for this time.

Love to all,

Bob

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May 16, 1940

Dear mother:

well I just got your letter, one from
Ana and B.A. and you, and they were most interesting.
I was glad to know you had got my letters
for I know I had written them.

So they have some army planes in
McCamb. now. I'm sure you heard a
little of what we hear a lot of. There
is only 28 planes there and about 100
here. you talk like you expected some
large planes, but I suppose you were
disappointed when you saw them. I
suppose there were all pursuit planes
or did they have some bombers over
there. The Bombers are pretty good
size, but there is no room for many
passengers, they are made for carrying
bombs, any way you saw the planes
we have. We have been having ~~many~~
maneuvers over here too, air raids
all during the day and night, and
calls all during the night, we will

have a black out about the 26th I think

How do you think I would look as a pilot. I am determined to be one or nothing in the army.

Looks like you can't get your mind off of letting the car go back, but you just as well to. we are expecting a raise about the 15th of next month and I enjoy sending the money to you, we have plenty anyway. I know you all will need the car and in a month or two we will hardly miss the money so just take it easy here. You said you hated to maintain it an account of everything you write seems to be unpleasant, but still I like to hear it all, I hope some day all the news will be good, and if I make that pilot I think we will be heard. I almost know Black will make it.

So daddy is trying to be good and get you back out on the old hill ha well

just forget it all for I wouldn't have
you go back for anything. I am sure
every thing will work out fine but
of course it will take a little time.

You said you were going out and
see him about giving you claim on
the Crawford rent check, I hope he agrees
and thing go on as smooth as possible
and the negro make a good crop. I suppose
you have moved your furniture by now
have you.

I hated to hear about Uncle Rabson
and the bank, but the way he has it fixed
he won't lose much. I hope he comes
out all right.

I think Ava and Major has been
mighty, mighty good about everything,
and I know Ava in pays it all, I only wish
it was something I could do, but don't
you worry about your independence
for after all we owe it all to you, I
just hope some day I can just pay

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 some, for I know what you have been
 through to get me this far, after all
 make you happy make me happy, so
 don't get the meningitis, for we all
 will run up on you.

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 day when he got his rating, he was
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 which pays \$3. more, and that's kind of
 rating, are hard to get rid of too, but they
 push have something else that at we
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 but I think we will get a pretty good one
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 morning and I had an order of 80.

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 this morning. It was quite interesting
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I am glad uncle will be paid.
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now.

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been trying to get him to come up
to see the place but he won't, I suppose
I will go down Sat some time.

Remember I love
You dearly
Bab.

Dear Sir,

I sure was glad to get that letter from you and liked those nice things you said about us. You had about your tea but I hope you didn't break it, but I still can't see where that would have any effect on your writing it was thanks and I know you can beat that.

It was nice of you to take mother to the show. I know she enjoyed it.

I suppose you are all dressed up by now and started to Sunday school. I want you to take mother along to, I know she wants to go though.

Well it is not long until your birth day is it, and you will be 12 years old, will soon be a young lady.

Well I am going to be looking for a rather better and don't wait so long to write.

Love
Bob

Dear Anna:

will Anna be sure to appreciate you writing when mother doesn't but like it. She sure is proud of you and what you are doing for her. I know she is much better satisfied by the way she writes. It sure is nice of mother to help the way like.

I hope you all can get them same clothes to wear and the expense won't be so much then.

I hope B. J. will soon get settled and not same play notes. I sure am glad for her, for I know she will go places if she has a chance. Like her big fix.

I am sure you ^{all} got my letters for you had just build mail when I had mother letters and said you all had got them.

Anna that baby oh yours must be the doings from all I can hear. Don't forget to send us some of her pictures

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much as possible.

Hope this is all bar to with
no more class.

Love

Bob

May 16, 1940

Dear Mother,

Well I first got your letter, one from Ava and B.J. and you, and they sure were interesting. I was glad to know you had got my letters for I knew I had written them.

So they have some army planes in McComb now. I imagine you hear a little of what we hear a lot of. There is only 28 planes there and about 100 here. You talk like you expected some large planes but I suppose you were disappointed when you saw them. I suppose they were all pursuit planes or did they have some bombers over there. The bombers are pretty good size, but there is no room for many passengers, they are made for carrying bombs. Any way, you saw the planes we have. We have been having maneuvers over there too. Air raids all during the day and night, alert calls all during the night, we will blackout about the 26th I think.

How do you think I would look as a pilot. I am determined to be one or nothing in the Army.

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So Daddy is trying to be good, and get you back out on the Old Hill-Ha. Just forget it all for I wouldn't have you go back for anything. I am sure everything will work out fine but of course it will take a little time.

You said you were going out and see him about giving you claim on the crop and rent check. I hope he agrees and things go on as smooth as possible and the negroes make a good crop. I suppose you have moved your furniture by now or have you.

I hated to hear about uncle Hobson and he bank, but the way he has it fixed he won't lose much. I hope he comes out all right.

I think Ava and Major has been mighty, mighty good about everything and I know Ava enjoys it all. I only wish it was something I could do, but don't you worry about your independence for after all we owe it all to you. I just hope someday I can just pay a little of what I owe you back in some, for I know what you have been through to get me this for after all make you happy makes me happy, so don't let the wrong idea, for we all will never repay you.

Poor J.C. got disappointed the other day when he got his rating, he was expecting a 1st and 5th which pays about \$40, but he only got 6th class private which pays \$3. more, and those kind of rating are hard to get rid of too. If they push something like that at me

I am going to tell them to keep it but I think we will get a pretty good one. We got our last weeks grades this morning and I had an average of 80.

Did you all hear the President's speak this morning. It was quite interesting don't you think. I think the air corps will get about \$590090000 of the money he asked for and will buy more planes and equipment. I also noticed in the paper today where there were 200 pilots that had been out of service on account of physical disabilities for the army pilots one being put in active service to train new pilots and I hope I am one of them.

I am glad uncle Will is paid for I don't see how I could pay him now.

Alle seems to be happy don't she, well I hope she will always be and they will have the best of luck. I wonder if Jep will get married now.

Brock wrote me a note. I have been trying to get him to come up to see the place, but he won't. Therefore I will go down Sat. sometime.

Remember I love you dearly

Bob

Dear Ava,

Well Ava we sure do appreciate you writing when mother doesn't feel like it. She sure is proud of you and what you are doing for her. I know she is much better satisfied by the way she writes. I sure is nice of Major to help the way he is

I hope you all can get them some clothes to wear and the expense won't be so much then.

I hope B.J. will soon get settled and meet some play mates. I sure am glad for her, for I know she will go places if she has a chance, like her big sis.

I am sure glad you all got my letters for you had [unreadable] mother letters and said you all had got them.

Ava, that baby of yours must be the doings from all I can hear, Don't forget to send us some of her pictures for I want to keep up with her as much as possible.

Looks like this is all for tonight so will close.

Love

Bob

Dear Sis,

I sure was glad o get that letter from you and liked the nice things you said about us. Too bad about your toy but I hope you didn't break it, but I still can't see where that would have any effect on your writing it was trouble and I know you can beat that.

It was nice of you to take mother to the show. I know she enjoyed it.

I suppose you are all dressed up by now and started to Sunday School. I want you to take mother along to, I know she wants to go though.

Well it is not long until your birthday is it, and you will be 12 years old, will soon be a young lady. Well I am going to be looking for another letter and don't wait so long to write.

Love

Bob

17th Air Base
Hickam Field
Honolulu, T. H.

May 22, 1940

Dear Ava,

Your letter came first so you will be the first to hear from me. The mail box really looked good this morning. Two letters from Grace, one from you and one from mother and the two notes from Betty Jean. I will write the three of you right now.

Was glad to hear of mother's improvement. I knew that you would get her on her feet again. I bet she is a flapper now. I hope you manage to keep her feeling fine. Don't let her worry about her sons for we are in fine condition. I believe we are safe from the war the U.S. may enter. Don't let the war upset you though. We may not even declare war.

So bad about the boy getting lost when he jumped from plane. Our paper stated that he has been found. The picture mother sent was in the paper here last week. I suppose the maneuvers are over by now. They will be over here on Saturday 24. We have really carried out the act. Allit calls and fire calls were given at hours not expected. I have enjoyed them very much. I think we are going to have another one at mid night to night. No one really knows when next one will be. Any time suits me.

Yes, it will me much nicer for mother to get her wash and bed. I bet she would like to have that good old bed too. I would crowd the place though. Bet all you can with out crowding the house.

Your brother is acting Sargent but he doesn't draw the pay. I am going to put in for mechanic school next week. The big Sargent told us to put in for what we want and he will see that we get it. The Over Seers is running out. It will be discontinued within a few weeks. I will go to same school that Charles is in, only I will only go three months and he will go nine.

Glad you ~~to~~ heard from Doolie. I hope she continues to be happy with Joe.

Send a picture of family along with the ones of Sue Coral. I bet all of you are cute. I would like to slip in on you when I wasn't expected.

Just what is the trouble with car? Can't it be fixed. You want to turn it in now hear you are lost without it. Buy and fix it. We are going to keep it for I know you need it bad. I don't like the idea of bumming rides. Do you?

Thanks for seeing Williams about my paper. Maybe I will get it soon.

Will write others now. They may let you read this.

Lots of love
Always
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Betty Jean is the next up to bat. Now is right, you must be drunk. Your address is wrong and your writing is awkward. Should I send you a fountain pen. See if you can't borrow mother's. I don't like to get letters written with pencil. That is backward, try and catch up dear. Use a pen at all time. Never use a pencil to write letters.

I bet you have added a few names to your list by now. Do your best to meet all the nice boys and girls. They will mean a lot to you. I am glad that you go to recreation center to play. You should meet lots of friends there.

Now is Sunday School and Church dear. I hope you enjoy them as I do. You must feel dressed up in that pretty dress and new shoes.

I was proud of my red flower on Mother's day too. There wasn't been worn but I wore mine. There is only one day out of 365 set aside for mother, I think there should be more. Let's make every day Mother's day. Why can't it be her day as good as it can be yours or mine. Tell if you can make such be true. I know you can if you want it that way.

I will see that mother will be able to get you a Bible for your birthday. You need one bad. Use a Capital B when used in Bible always. Always think of that when you write the word. Capitalize pronouns that are used

instead of Bible. You are right just about 30 days from now and you will be twelve years old.

Did you enjoy your visits at the Papes. I know you had lots of fun.

You have been very good about writing. Don't feel bad because I correct you. I am only trying to help you. I had to be told once-upon-a-time. I look for mistakes in letters. It does me a lot of good to discover mistakes that you and others makes in letters. If you don't believe it ask Grace the next time you see her. As I was saying I like your letters. You could make the appearance better though.

Keep up the good work and try to do better each day. You may find it hard in places but you can prepare yourself for those occasions. Don't let anything stop you. Stay with the best only. Nothing but the best is good enough for us.

I will close now but you will hear from me again soon. Take care of the family and don't let them get spoiled.

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bye dear —————
Lots of love
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P.S. Has Grace got a sister name Majorie?

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as the receiver. I enjoy writing letters to those that
I know enjoy getting them.

Your sons are feeling fine. I am still Acting
Sargent and Bah is still a student at Wheeler.
He was down Saturday. We went to Earl Barker to
see Ray Wilburn. He wasn't at home though. He had the
same thing in mind. He was here when we returned.
We enjoyed looking at the ships in the Harbor though.
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Poor ~~upper~~ layer-bottom. What is going to become of that place. I guess you will have plenty hay in a few weeks. That's alright, maybe the rest of the place will make up for it.

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Continue to improve and be a nice sweet mother. We think of you often, wishing that we could take your worry off your shoulders, we will eventually do that very thing.

I will be seeing you soon. Until that time I will see you through letters. Sorry the boat failed you. Better luck next time.

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May 24, 1940

Wheeler Field

Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Mother:

Well I got those letters to day and where they interesting. They were mailed the 11th of May, I should have some more tomorrow, at least I hope so. I suppose you got the letter I wrote yesterday, but I couldnt think of a thing to write so I decided to try again.

I suppose you all are enjoying that summer weather about now. I know it feels good after all that cold and wet mess you all had. The climate hadent changed a bit over here as I can tell, and I hope it dont because it is just right. We have a good bit of rain in the Spring of course but it's not bad.

Aunt Babe must be getting around a good bit now, she has been down several times here lately. I know she enjoys it for she didn't have much time to go much or she didnt think she did any way.

When are you going to take Betty Jean to Jackson to get her tonsils taken out, be sure and get it done before school starts again, because we dont want them to be in her way, Iwnt her to make the honor rôle out there. You said you didn't want me to have mine taken out, You needen worry, because they hadent bothered me at all since I have been over here and I hope they dont.

It was mighty nice of Grace to think of sending you a mothers day card. I suppose you have got the handchief I sent you. I hope you get to see her before she gets off to school.

So you are going to get to see "Gone With the Wind" I hope you enjoyed it and I am sure you did.

Boy did I laugh when I read about the flowers, that was a joke. I can see him gathering flowers for you, I bet they were fixed up nice and all. Just let him send his flowers or any thing else he wants to. He has had his chance, but take it, If he had another one I dont think he would do any better. We still hadent heard from him. All he thinking about is the place and some one to cook and wash for him.

Well I am glad to know that the crop is in pertty good shape, maybe they will make enought to pay the bills and interest on the loan. I hate to see the bottom lay out but I dont eminage it would make much any way at least it hadn't in the last few years.

So Sue Carol gave her mother some candy for Mothers day, That sure was nice of her. From all accounts she must be a humdinger and I bet she is. Sue must be like her uncle Bob kinda smart, she seems to be catching on fast, but I can't picture her trying to walk.

Aunt Nora and uncle Bud has move, I hope they like it, and I cant see why they wouldn't. So uncle Bud fixed his other camp up it sure will help out a lot. I suppose you are going down for a few days on Grandmothers birthday, I know you all are looking forward to that day. Brock and I are going to get something for her and send it to you and you can give it to her. I dont have the least idea of whatto get. I sent her a Mothers day card the same time I sent yours.

They must have had a time with those Army planes over there. We had almost all of our planes up at one time and hadent had a crash the whole two weeks or even since we have been over here. They must have had some new pilots or something. I wonder if they have found the boy that was lost yet.

Well I finish Tuesday week just six more days and I go back to Hickam Field That is if I dont get a job up here. The teacher said he had already had some jobs for some of the boys, If we wanted to stay up here but I think I will go back to Hickam.

Our new teacher gave us permission to use the typers at night, so thats why I am writing you this example of my typeing. It is almost too

dark to see thought so that will account for the mistakes. It takes too much to fill a page so I am going to double space for a while.

I will answer Avas letter now so she wont get mad and quite writeing.

Ave you must be takeing good care of the gal for she writes like she use to except the letters are a little shorter some times, but they do sound good. I bet she is getting around like a girl of about 19 or 20. I hope she has got that hat so she can start to Sunday School for she all ways did like to go.

So you are a widow again eh. Well maybe you will get use to it before long. Maybe you will have better luck in the future I hope so any way for I know how it is when your husband or wilf leaves you for aday or two. "HA" Like I have had the experience ()*-@/? isant that a joke.

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(over)

May 24, 1940
Wheeler Field
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Mother:

Well I got those letters to day and where they interesting. They were mailed the 11th of May, I should have some more tomorrow, at least I hope so. I suppose you got the letter I wrote yesterday, but I couldnt think of a thing to write so I decided to try again.

I suppose you all are enjoying that summer weather about now. I know it feels good after all that cold and wet mess you all had. The climate hadent changed a bit over here as I can tell, and I hope it dont because it is just right. We have a good bit of rain in the Spring of course but it's not bad.

Aunt Babe must be getting around a good bit now, she has been down several times here lately. I know she enjoys it for she didn't have much time to go much or she didnt think she did any way.

When are you going to take Betty Jean to Jackson to get her tonsils taken out, be sure and get it done before school starts again, because we dont want them to be in her way, Iwnt her to make the honor rôle out there. You said you didn't want me to have mine taken out, You needen worry, because they hadent bothered me at all since I have been over here and I hope they dont.

It was mighty nice of Grace to think of sending you a mothers day card. I suppose you have got the handchief I sent you. I hope you get to see her before she gets off to school.

So you are going to get to see "Gone With the Wind" I hope you enjoyed it and I am sure you did.

Boy did I laugh when I read about the flowers, that was a joke. I can see him gathering flowers for you, I bet they were fixed up nice and all. Just let him send his flowers or any thing else he wants to. He has had his chance, but take it, If he had another one I dont think he would do any better. We still hadent heard from him. All he thinking about is the place and some one to cook and wash for him.

Well I am glad to know that the crop is in pertty good shape, maybe they will make enought to pay the bills and interest on the loan. I hate to see the bottom day out but I dont emineage it would make much any way at least it hadn't in the last few years.

So Sue Carol gave her mother some candy for Mothers day, That sure was nice of her. From all accounts she must be a humdinger and I bet she is. Sue must be like her uncle Bob kinda smart, she seems to be catching on fast, but I can't picture her trying to walk.

Aunt Nora and uncle Bud has move, I hope they like it, and I cant see why they wouldn't. So uncle Bud fixed his other camp up it sure will help out a lot. I suppose you are going down for a few days on Grandmothers birthday, I know you all are looking forward to that day. Brock and I are going to get something for her and send it to you and you can give it to her. I dont have the least idea of whatto get. I sent her a Mothers day card the same time I sent yours.

They must have had a time with those Army planes over there. We had almost all of our planes up at one time and hadent had a crash the whole two weeks or even since we have been over here. They must have had some new pilots or something. I wonder if they have found the boy that was lost yet.

Well I finish Tuesday week just six more days and I go back to Hickam Field That is if I dont get a job up here. The teacher said he had already had some jobs for some of the boys, If we wanted to stay up here but I think I will go back to Hickam.

Our new teacher gave us permission to use the typers at night, so thats why I am writing you this example of my typeing. It is almost too

dark to seethought so that will account for the mistakes. It takek to much to fill a page so I am going to double space for a while.

I will answer Avas letter now so she want get mad and quite writeing.

Ave you must be takeing good care of the gal for she writes like she use to except the letters are a little shorter some times, but they do sound good. Ibet she is getting around like a girl of about 19 or 20. I hope she has got that hat so she can start to Sunday School for she all ways did like to go.

So you are a widow again eh. Well maybe you will get use to it before long. Maybe you will have better luck in the future I hope so any way for I know how it is when your husband or wilf leaves you for aday or two. HA' Like I have had the experence ()*-@/? isant that a joke.

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I sure hope the "Tylertown Town Times" gets here because I sure would like to see what is going on around there. I told daddy to have one sent over here but I doubt if I ever get it.

I will write Miss priss a note now :

Miss priss I sure was to know that you had started to sch Sunday School for you really need to go . You sure don't know how much I enjoy your letters they are really interesting, just keep it up.

Petty Jean looks like I run out before I got to you, I can't think of a thing to write, but maybe you can read it with out so much trouble.

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Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of thier country.

This is a little of what we have to do in typeing.

Well good night to you all and remember I love you all lot's

Love

Bob.

Bah Tharnhill
Kg J Kg Jg 11th Jp.
Kicham Field
Kavaluk, T. H.

August 21, 40

Dear mother: Awa: B. J. and family:

we got a nice long letter today, sure
was glad to get it. Glad that you decided to
add a note to B. J. letter. Too bad about you
being sick. Hope you are better by now. So
that's why it takes so long to get our letters
you forget to mail them.

Some time it is going to flood you all
out, if it keeps raining, I bet John is
mad on account of he can't get a sun tan.
He should be down here, he could really get
one. I have given up all hopes of blisters so
dam long and put off and blisters again.
Did he get to go to Durin park to go swimming
hope so.

So you had unexpected company, I imagine
it was a surprise. So he had a man waiting
for him and it turned out to be Uncle Earl.
Some time he can't tell the truth. He
won't ever be able to that I don't suppose.
It was nice of him to give you all

that money. He is the same old thing and
no hope for better, and B. J. and I got
a present from him. Did he say anything
about you going back out there or ask you to
go. Is he staying with J. mother or at the
house?

Do you have been sewing for a lady. I don't
remember you can make any money sewing
at that rate so I would forget it, too much
work for nothing.

So we haven't got a birth certificate. I hope
he get it fixed up in the near future, so we
want have to wait till about Dec. He is a
boy in the tent with me, and the sq. command
told him to report to him so he has a year
and Holbrook College and R. O. T. C. and he is
going to be a 2nd Lt. Manual. Boy is being
told uncle Tol to work them up "Phooey."

So you will say we are not satisfied
with his mistakes. I don't know about J. C.
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out, I don't think he never says anything
about it, and for Ray he hasn't saved a
penny. I think he is mistaken, and for
me I would go back now if they would

turn me alone. I failed for two years
and I am going to try to make something
if I can in these two years and I hope
things look this is settled and the
war talk is over. If I make what I
want I will enlist otherwise I want
I am doing every thing I can to make some
thing worth while, but I don't know where
you can make much, unless you can make
an officer and if you do you have nothing
to worry about. The most you can make is
about \$75. and you can loan it in no time.
It usually takes about six years to make
stable and that is about all you can put
on, that only pay \$72. and I care much
for the army as an enlisted man. I hope
I am lucky enough to get a good job when
we get home.

You put worrying about Brackford &
we are only 1 block apart. Just 1 Block between
us and he is moving in the same block
with me. So don't worry. As long as we

on the same part we cant be bar apart.

I suppose John enjoyed that dinner
you feed for him, I hope I would. How
is he coming with his wife.

So she was trying to show her self and
break her battle, I bet she is a cat with
you all to play and pick at her all the time.
I bet she is hard to keep clean with her
all over the floor in the dust, but she
will live through it we did. the dirt will
do her good, you know her mother used to
eat dirt remember?

The Hunter's fleet came in today with
108 recruits. ~~we~~ we had 12 planes to go out
to meet it yesterday, it was about 250 miles
out and I almost got to go with them, but
I don't. I am going up tomorrow night 20
to the big island, don't know yet. I hope I
don't get sick.

I went to the ball game this evening
and was good had to play 10 innings to play
off the tie 3 to 3 and we won, we have only
been beat twice this year,

Dear Ma:

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Say I wish I could hear you singing
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Don't let any body make you think that we are not satisfied. We can stay here two years without getting tired of the place. But, we will be ready to leave in '11.

Sorry that we got you out to money and let you get without. We will see what we can do about the matter. \$30 goes on the car this month. I hope to be able to get Betty's Jean's clothes next pay day (October). You will have to do the best until then. We got another letter from Co. today. I will answer his letter to night but not with money.

Be sweet and take care of your self. Will write later. Good bye & good luck. Love & kisses
Brook

8-22-40

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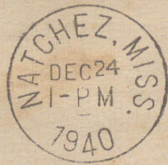
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Brock

7:9 State St.
Natchez, Miss



Mrs. Bessie B. Tharrell
Magnolia, Miss.

Dearest Mother:

Well the dress + cake came last night. The dress is adorable and fits her perfectly. She looks like a doll in it + is she proud of it, you should see her strut in it. I tried it on her this morn. We didn't go to Sunday School. Major was sick last night and to-day need of medicine + too much pork sausage. He took his dosage of Cal Hyptia last night but was still under weather this morn so I called Druggist + Rad. Paul send me something out. It did the trick and I think I want you to try it. It seems to be your dose. Major insist I send you this bottle (he disliked taste + did it keep him trotting, Ha). I speak I might need it again huh? It is Fleet's phospho-soda. Let me know how you come out.

That cake hit the spot I was just trying to make up my mind to make a pie when it arrived. Major tried to make me wait till Xmas but I didn't. Neither did he. You should see Sue Cheering on it + reaching for more. I crumble mine up picking out fruit for her.

I hate for you + B. Jan not to get my package in time for Xmas but even if order should come to-morrow I couldn't get on to you. But I'll be there.

Write me about your Xmas tree. There was a card in it with So. Mrs Thornhill - J.R. on it. Made me wonder, (Ha) what is John's last name? what did you get?

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We have gotten lots of cards but not 1 from the family. Be sure to call for my mail in Mr. Comb we have several cards there.

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Vacant. I hope.

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I love you
Ava

Monday morn - Dam my luck. Well here is letter
I recieved from Sears this morn. I called bank
and they have check endorsed by Sears on
Dec. 19th so I've written them another letter
as my 4th attempt to get the order filled. I
guess my sending check + your being there +
me here has them all mixed up. I wrote them
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